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COVID Vaccine Injury Reports Jump by 27,000 in One Week, FDA Pulls ‘Bait and Switch’ With Pfizer Vaccine Approval

VAERS data released Friday by the CDC showed a total of 623,343 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 13,627 deaths and 84,466 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and Aug. 20, 2021.

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Data released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that between Dec. 14, 2020 and Aug. 20, 2021, a total of [623,343 total adverse events](#) were reported to VAERS, including [13,627 deaths](#) — an increase of 559 over the data released last week.

There were [84,466 reports of serious injuries](#), including deaths, during the same time period — up 3,416 compared with the previous week.

Excluding “[foreign reports](#)” filed in VAERS, [488,318 adverse events](#), including [6,128 deaths](#) and [38,765 serious injuries](#), were reported in the U.S. between Dec. 14, 2020 and Aug. 20, 2021.

Of the 6,128 U.S. deaths reported as of Aug. 20, [13% occurred](#) within 24 hours of vaccination, [18% occurred](#) within 48 hours of vaccination and [32% occurred](#) in people who experienced an onset of symptoms within 48 hours of being vaccinated.

In the U.S., 360.3 million COVID vaccine doses had been administered as of Aug. 20. This [includes](#): 203 million doses of [Pfizer](#), 143 million doses of [Moderna](#) and 14 million doses of the [Johnson & Johnson](#) (J&J).






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From the 8/20/2021 release of VAERS data:

Found 623,343 cases where Vaccine is COVID19

Table

 Event Outcome	 Count	 Percent
Death	13,627	2.19%
Permanent Disability	17,794	2.85%
Office Visit	100,965	16.2%
Emergency Room	57	0.01%
Emergency Doctor/Room	74,312	11.92%
Hospitalized	55,654	8.93%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	167	0.03%
Recovered	205,226	32.92%
Birth Defect	393	0.06%
Life Threatening	14,104	2.26%
Not Serious	258,809	41.52%
TOTAL	† 741,108	† 118.89%
† Because some cases have multiple vaccinations and symptoms, a single case can account for multiple entries in this table. This is the reason why the Total Count is greater than 623343 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.		

The data come directly from reports submitted to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) (VAERS), the primary government-funded system for reporting adverse vaccine reactions in the U.S.

Every Friday, [VAERS](#) makes public all vaccine injury reports received as of a specified date, usually about a week prior to the release date. Reports submitted to VAERS require further investigation before a causal relationship can be confirmed.

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This week's U.S. data for 12- to 17-year-olds show:

- [17,518](#) total adverse events, including [1,047 rated as serious](#) and [18 reported deaths](#). Two of the 18 deaths were suicides.

The most recent reported deaths include a 15-year-old boy (VAERS I.D. [1498080](#)) who previously had COVID, was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy in May 2021 and died four days after receiving his second dose of Pfizer's vaccine on June 18, when he collapsed on the soccer field and went into ventricular tachycardia; and a 13-year-old girl (VAERS I.D. [1505250](#)) who died after suffering a heart condition after receiving her first dose of Pfizer.

- Other deaths include two [13-year-old boys](#) (VAERS I.D. [1406840](#) and [1431289](#)) who died two days after receiving a Pfizer vaccine, a 13-year-old boy who died after receiving Moderna (VAERS I.D. [1463061](#)), three 15-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1187918](#), [1382906](#) and [1242573](#)), five 16-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1420630](#), [1466009](#), [1225942](#), [1475434](#), and [1386841](#)) and three 17-year-olds (VAERS I.D. [1199455](#), [1388042](#) and [1420762](#)).
- [2,609 reports](#) of anaphylaxis among 12- to 17-year-olds with 99% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#).

- [444 reports](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis (heart inflammation) with [438 cases](#) attributed to Pfizer's vaccine.
- [89 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders, with all cases attributed to Pfizer.

This week's total U.S. VAERS data, from Dec. 14, 2020 to Aug. 20, 2021, for all age groups combined, show:

- 21% of deaths were related to cardiac disorders.
- 54% of those who died were male, 43% were female and the remaining death reports did not include gender of the deceased.
- The [average age](#) of death was 73.1.
- As of Aug 20., [3,190 pregnant women](#) reported adverse events related to COVID vaccines, including 982 reports of [miscarriage or premature birth](#).
- Of the [2,640 cases of Bell's Palsy](#) reported, 50% were attributed to [Pfizer](#) vaccinations, 43% to [Moderna](#) and 7% to [J&J](#).
- 530 reports of [Guillain-Barré Syndrome](#), with 39% of cases [attributed to Pfizer](#), 34% to [Moderna](#) and 26% to [J&J](#).
- [132,694 reports of anaphylaxis](#) with 43% of cases attributed to [Pfizer's vaccine](#), 49% to [Moderna](#) and 8% to [J&J](#).
- [8,528 reports](#) of blood clotting disorders. Of those, [3,633 reports](#) were attributed to Pfizer, [3,101 reports](#) to Moderna and [1,746 reports](#) to J&J.
- [2,162 cases](#) of myocarditis and pericarditis with [1,364 cases](#) attributed to Pfizer, [714 cases](#) to Moderna and [78 cases](#) to J&J's COVID vaccine.

BBC radio host died of COVID vaccine complications, coroner confirms

An [award-winning BBC radio host](#) died as a result of complications from her first dose of [AstraZeneca's COVID vaccine](#), coroner Karen Dilks concluded.

Lisa Shaw, 44, received her first dose of AstraZeneca on April 29. On May 13, she was taken by ambulance to University Hospital of North Durham after having a headache for several days. She was transferred to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, where she received a number of treatments, which included cutting away part of her skull to relieve the pressure on her brain. She died May 21.

[According to the BBC](#), Tuomo Polvikoski, a pathologist, [told the coroner](#) Shaw was fit and healthy before receiving the vaccine. When asked about the underlying cause of the fatal clotting on her brain, Polvikoski said the clinical evidence "strongly supports the idea that it was, indeed, vaccine-induced."

FDA grants full approval of Pfizer vaccine, critics blast agency for lack of data, scientific debate

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Aug. 23 [granted full approval](#) to Pfizer's "Comirnaty" COVID vaccine for people 16 years and older — without [allowing public discussion](#) or holding a formal advisory committee meeting to discuss data.

This is the first COVID vaccine approved by the FDA, and is expected to open the door to more [vaccine mandates](#) by employers and universities.

According to [The Washington Post](#), Pfizer's vaccine approval was the fastest in the agency's history, coming less than four months after Pfizer/BioNTech filed for licensing on May 7.

According to an [article](#) published Aug. 20 in the BMJ, transparency advocates criticized the FDA decision not to hold a formal advisory committee meeting to discuss Pfizer's application for full approval — an important mechanism used to scrutinize data.


Last year the FDA said it was "[committed to use an advisory committee](#) composed of independent experts to ensure deliberations about authorisation or licensure are transparent for the public."


But in a statement to The BMJ, the FDA said it did not believe a meeting was necessary ahead of the expected full FDA approval.


Kim Witczak, a drug safety advocate who serves as a consumer representative on the FDA's Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee, said it's concerning that full approval is based on only six months' worth of data — despite clinical trials designed for two years — and there's no control group after Pfizer offered the product to placebo participants before the trials were completed.

FDA approval letter causes confusion, raises questions

Buried in the fine print of Monday's approval of the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine are two critical facts that affect whether the vaccine can be mandated, and whether Pfizer can be held liable for injuries, [according to](#) Children's Health Defense Chairman Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Dr. Meryl Nass.






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Kennedy and Nass, who accused the FDA of pulling a “bait and switch” on the public, said the FDA acknowledged that while Pfizer has “insufficient stocks” of the newly licensed Comirnaty vaccine available, there is “a significant amount” of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine — produced under [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) — still available for use.

The FDA [decreed](#) that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine under the EUA should remain unlicensed — but that it can be used “interchangeably” ([page 2, footnote 8](#)) with the newly licensed Comirnaty product.

Second, the FDA said the licensed Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine and the existing EUA Pfizer vaccine are “legally distinct,” but said their differences do not “impact safety or effectiveness.”

Kennedy and Nass said EUA products are [experimental](#) under U.S. law. Both the [Nuremberg Code](#) and federal regulations provide that no one can force a human being to participate in this experiment.

Under [21 U.S. Code Sec.360bbb-3\(e\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)\(III\)](#), “authorization for medical products for use in emergencies,” it is unlawful to deny someone a job or an education because they refuse to be an experimental subject, they wrote.

At least for the moment, the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine has no liability shield. Vials of the branded product, which say “Comirnaty” on the label, are subject to the same product liability laws as other U.S. products, Kennedy and Nass said, adding that “Pfizer is therefore unlikely to allow any American to take a Comirnaty vaccine until it can somehow arrange immunity for this product.”

On Thursday, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) [wrote the FDA](#) raising similar concerns and questions about the agency’s approval of the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine.

In his letter, Johnson asked FDA Acting Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodruff why the FDA didn’t grant full licensure for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that is already in use and available in the U.S., and how the agency will ensure that those being vaccinated under [mandates](#) will receive the FDA-approved version.

As COVID surges among fully vaccinated, CDC fails to properly track breakthrough cases

As [The Defender reported](#) Aug. 24, the [most recent data](#) from the CDC shows 9,716 breakthrough cases resulting in hospitalization or death as of Aug. 16. However, the agency states those numbers are underreported.

On May 1, the CDC made a decision to [stop tracking all breakthrough cases](#) and instead only track cases in the fully vaccinated that resulted in hospitalization or death. That leaves public health officials [without the full data](#) that can answer questions as the new [Delta variant](#) spreads.

In an interview with [PBS News Hour](#), Jessica Malaty Rivera, an infectious disease epidemiologist and research fellow at Boston Children’s Hospital and former science communications lead at the COVID Tracking Project, said not tracking breakthrough data with as much granularity as we would hope is “basically creating blind spots in our understanding of the true impact of the virus, especially the variants that are circulating so widely in the United States.”

The New York Times recently [published data](#) from seven states — California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Virginia — that keeps particularly detailed records on breakthrough cases.

Analysis showed that in six of the states, breakthrough infections made up 18% to 28% of all newly diagnosed cases of COVID in the past several weeks, and 12% to 24% of all COVID-related hospitalizations, with reported deaths higher than the CDC’s original estimate of .5%.

Pfizer scheme to churn out ‘variant-specific’ vaccines will lead to more variants, experts warn

Pfizer CEO [Albert Bourla on Tuesday](#) told [Fox News](#) the company has a system in place to turn around a variant-specific jab within 95 days in the likelihood a vaccine-resistant COVID strain emerges, but experts warn that strategy will backfire.

Bourla said Pfizer hasn’t identified any variants that could escape the vaccine yet. However, that statement contradicts the findings of [numerous studies](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which show waning immunity against the Delta variant.

[Dr. Peter McCullough](#), board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases and clinical lipidology, [said in a recent podcast](#): “There are clearly sources of information to suggest that once we start vaccination and we get more than 25% of the population vaccinated, we will allow one of the variants that’s in the background to emerge because it’s resistant to the vaccine.”

“That [theory] makes sense,” McCullough said. “Just like an antibiotic, once we get to a certain percentage of coverage with an antibiotic, we’ll allow a resistant bacteria to move forward.”

According to [Dr. Robert Malone](#), inventor of [mRNA](#) and DNA vaccines, [worldwide expert](#) in RNA technologies and Harvard-trained physician, continued mass vaccination campaigns will enable new, more infectious viral variants.

Even if we had complete uptake in vaccines and complete masking, Malone said, CDC data makes it clear that at best we can slow the spread of Delta but we can't stop it.

New CDC studies show waning vaccine immunity to Delta variant

Two studies [released](#) Aug. 24 by the CDC showed fully vaccinated Americans' immunity to COVID is waning as the Delta variant now makes up 98.8% of [U.S. COVID cases](#).

One [study](#) found vaccine effectiveness among frontline healthcare workers declined by nearly 30 percentage points since the Delta variant became the dominant strain in the U.S.

The analysis also concluded COVID vaccines were only 80% effective in preventing infection among the frontline healthcare workers.

The second [study](#) examined 43,000 Los Angeles residents 16 and older. Between May 1 and July 25, 25.3% of COVID infections occurred in fully vaccinated persons and 3.3% were in partially vaccinated persons.

The [CDC cautioned](#) in its report that vaccine effectiveness "might also be declining as time since vaccination increases and because of poor precision in estimates due to limited number of weeks of observation."

The publication of the new studies followed a week after the CDC released its first [three reports on vaccine efficacy](#) — which also showed waning vaccine protection against the Delta variant.

172 days and counting, CDC ignores The Defender's inquiries

According to the [CDC website](#), "the CDC follows up on any report of death to request additional information and learn more about what occurred and to determine whether the death was a result of the vaccine or unrelated."

On March 8, [The Defender](#) contacted the CDC with a [written list of questions](#) about reported deaths and injuries related to COVID vaccines. We have made repeated attempts, by phone and email, to obtain a response to our questions.

Despite multiple phone and email communications with many people at the CDC, and despite being told that our request was in the system and that someone would respond, we have not yet received answers to any of the questions we submitted. It has been 172 days since we sent our first email to the CDC requesting information.

[Children's Health Defense](#) asks anyone who has experienced an adverse reaction, to any vaccine, to file a report following [these three steps](#).

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